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Item 2 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

The first session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries will be convened from 10 to 14 January 2011 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, pursuant to paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 64/213. The Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee will: undertake substantive preparations for the Conference, including a review of progress in the preparatory process for the Conference and its organization and a comprehensive appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action by the least developed countries and their development partners; identify effective international and domestic policies in the light of the outcome of the appraisal, as well as new and emerging challenges and opportunities and the means to address them; reaffirm the global commitment to addressing the special needs of the least developed countries; and mobilize additional international support measures and action in favour of the least developed countries.

1. Election of officers

Following consultations with regional coordinators, it is proposed that the bureau of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee should be composed of 10 members,

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namely the Chair, eight Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur, with account being taken of the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution. Furthermore, Turkey, which is hosting the Conference, and the coordinator of the Group of Least Developed Countries should be fully associated with the work of the bureau as ex officio members.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda has been drawn up by the Secretariat in keeping with traditional practice.

Suggestions for the organization of work and a tentative timetable of meetings are annexed to the present annotations.

3. Organizational and substantive preparations for the Conference

The Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee is expected to consider the substantive preparations for the Conference, especially on the basis of the national reports and reports of the regional review meetings.

As decided by the General Assembly in its resolution 63/227, the Conference has the aim of, among other things, undertaking a comprehensive appraisal of the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action by the least developed countries and their development partners, sharing best practices and lessons learned and identifying obstacles and constraints encountered as well as actions and initiatives needed to overcome them. Further, the Conference should identify effective international and domestic policies in the light of the outcome of the appraisal, as well as new and emerging challenges and opportunities and the means to address them. The Conference is also expected to reaffirm the global commitment to addressing the special needs of the least developed countries made at the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the Millennium Summit and the 2005 World Summit, in particular the needs related to sustainable development in its economic, social and environmental dimensions, and to support the least developed countries in eradicating poverty and integrating beneficially into the global economy. Finally, the Conference is tasked with mobilizing additional international support measures and action in favour of the least developed countries, and, in this regard, formulating and adopting a renewed partnership between the least developed countries and their development partners.

For the consideration of item 3, the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee will have before it the following documentation:

(a) Review of the preparatory process for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/CONF.219/IPC/2);

(b) Report of the regional-level preparatory review meeting for Africa and Haiti (A/CONF.219/IPC/3);

(c) Report of the regional-level preparatory review meeting for Asia-Pacific and Yemen (A/CONF.219/IPC/4);

(d) Background documents:

(i) Report of the Secretary General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/65/80-E/2010/77);

(ii) Compilation of national reports on the review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010;[1]

(iii) Chapter III of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its twelfth session (E/2010/33), on "International support measures for the least developed countries" (as per paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2010/9);

(iv) *The Least Developed Countries Report 2010* (UNCTAD/LDC/2010);

(v) Report of the pre-Conference ministerial meeting on "Enhancing the mobilization of financial resources for least developed countries' development", Lisbon, 2-3 October 2010.

4. Other business

5. Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee

The report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee on its first session will be submitted to the Intergovernmental Committee at its second session, which will be held from 4 to 8 April 2011 in New York, and to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, which will be held in Istanbul from 9 to 13 May 2011.

[1] National reports were submitted by Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, the Comoros, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Kiribati, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nepal, the Niger, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, the Solomon Islands, the Sudan, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen and Zambia (also available from www.un.org/wcm/content/site/ldc/lang/en/pid/11422).

Annex

Proposed organization of the work for the first session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Programme*
Monday, 10 January		*First and second plenary meetings*
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Opening statement by the Secretary-General of the Conference, Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra
	1	Other statements
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3-6 p.m.	3	Presentation by the Secretary-General of the Conference
	3	General debate
Tuesday, 11 January		*First and second informal meetings*
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Informal consultations on the formulation of a renewed partnership between the least developed countries and their development partners
3-6 p.m.		Informal consultations on the formulation of a renewed partnership between the least developed countries and their development partners
Wednesday, 12 January		*Third and fourth informal meetings*
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Informal consultations on the formulation of a renewed partnership between the least developed countries and their development partners
3-6 p.m.		Informal consultations on the formulation of a renewed partnership between the least developed countries and their development partners
Thursday, 13 January		*Fifth and sixth informal meetings*
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Informal consultations on the formulation of a renewed partnership between the least developed countries and their development partners
3-6 p.m.		Informal consultations on the formulation of a renewed partnership between the least developed countries and their development partners
Friday, 14 January		*Seventh informal meeting and third plenary meeting*
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Informal consultations on the formulation of a renewed partnership between the least developed countries and their development partners

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Programme*
3-6 p.m.	4	Concluding remarks by the Secretary-General of the Conference
	5	Closure of the first session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee